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- 1. A manoeuvre to introduce North Korean military personnel into South Korea by way of China was initiated in August 1949. Approximately one hundred soldiers of the People's Army were dispatched from Chinampo (125-24, 38-44) to China in North Korean merchant vessels. After landing at Chefoo, the soldiers were put into civilian clothing and sent in small groups to various North China ports, such as Weihaiwei, Tsingtao, and Shihtao, as well as Chefoo. They were directed to make their way in twos and threes in South Korean smuggling craft to South Korea, by posing as repatriates from China.
- 2. The People's Army considers that the most suitable places for landing from the China coast are the small islands near the harbors of Inchon (126-38, 37-28), Masan (128-34, 35-12), and Sanchonpo (128-04, 34-56).
- 3. A special political operations group, trained at Chongju (125-12, 39-42), was sent to South Korea by way of China in January 1950. The party of twenty-five, headed by KANG (美), aged 36, a native of Hungnam (127-33, 39-52), embarked from Chinnempo on the North Korean vessel "NAM YONG HWAN" (南 荣 丸), 160 tons, for Tientsin. They carried a large quantity of fertilizer, which they intended to sell in Tientsin to supply funds for their operations in South Korea. From China the group intended to land clandestinely in Kyushu and work into South Korea as Korean repatriates from Shimonoseki.

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